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Here's some bad news and some good news for fans of Shuriken, the popular heroine whose exploits are published by Eternity. First, the *bad* news: ***Shuriken Cold Steel #6***, on sale in December, will be the final issue of the series. Thuis shouldn't be a surprise, of course, since the Bennett and Taylor series has always been a six-issue limited series.

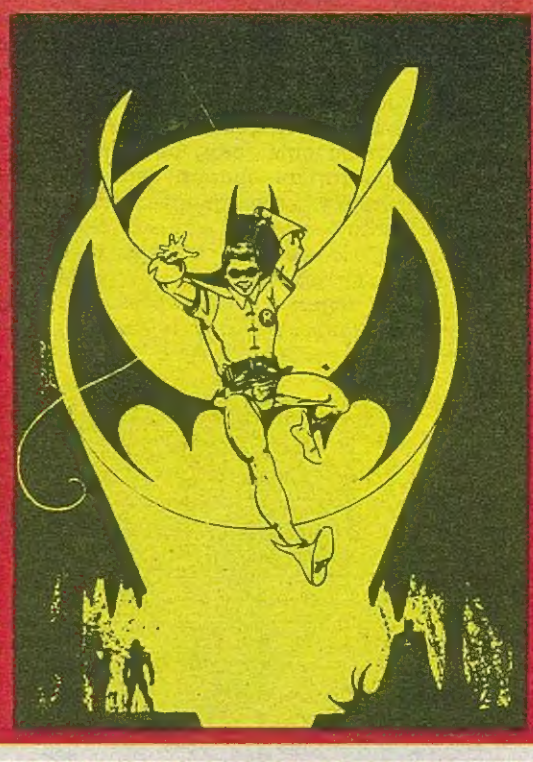
Now, here's the *good* news: Shuriken will be back in January in an all-new one-shot, ***Hellbender.*** This new adventure written by S.A. Bennett and Wes Abbott deals with an all-too-common phenomenon in today's society: a fan/fanatic who becomes obsessed with the object of his attention. In this case, the crazed fan is stalking Joan Harlow, and it's up to Shuriken to save her friend from almost certain death at this "fan's" hands.

Hellbender #1 will be priced at $2.25. And Shuriken fans shouldn't be too sad; Eternity has future plans for ***Shuriken*** in 1990.

by Kim B. Pearson

Perez Portfolio Planned

The last time DC did a Batman portfolio (featuring the artwork of Mike Zeck from the *Ten Nights of the Beast* series-within-a-series), it sold out almost immediately and became an instant collectible. Will the same thing happen in late February, when DC issues a new Batman portfolio featuring a dozen plates by fan-favorite artist George Perez? It certainly seems likely!



The 10.5" x 17" ***Batman Portfolio by George Perez*** will feature twelve black-and-white plates in a specially designed three-color folder. The plates will feature high-quality reproduction of Perez' "stunning covers to the Robin saga, the origin of the first Robin and the birth of the new Robin," according to Bob Wayne of DC. The covers being reprinted include *Batman: Year Three* from ***Batman #436-439,*** and *A Lonely Place of Dying* from ***Batman #440-442*** and ***New Titans #60-61.*** In addition the portfolio will feature three all-new companion illustrations done expressly for this publication by George Perez.

The Batman Portfolio by George Perez, priced at $18, is set for February 22nd release. As with all specialty items of this sort, CSN urges you to let your local comic shop folks know that you'll be very upset if you don't get one of these portfolios; the sooner you talk to them, the greater your chances of getting a copy.

by Wayne Lee

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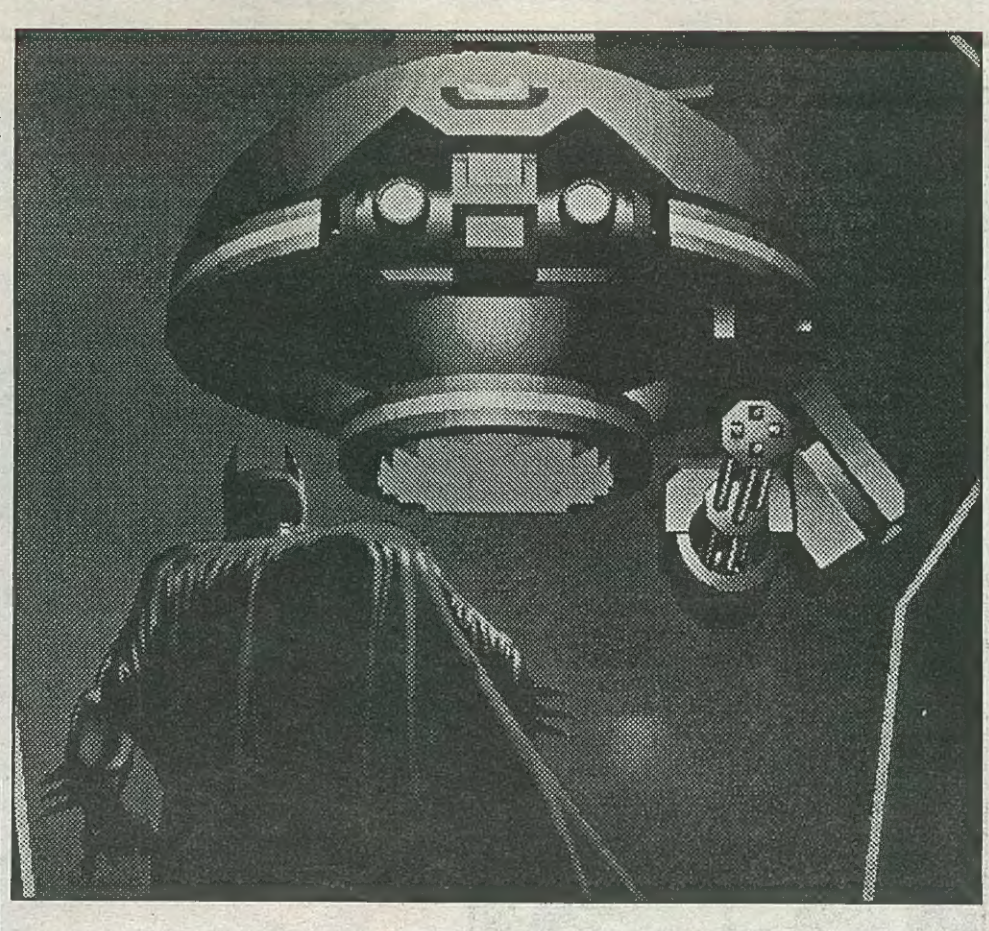
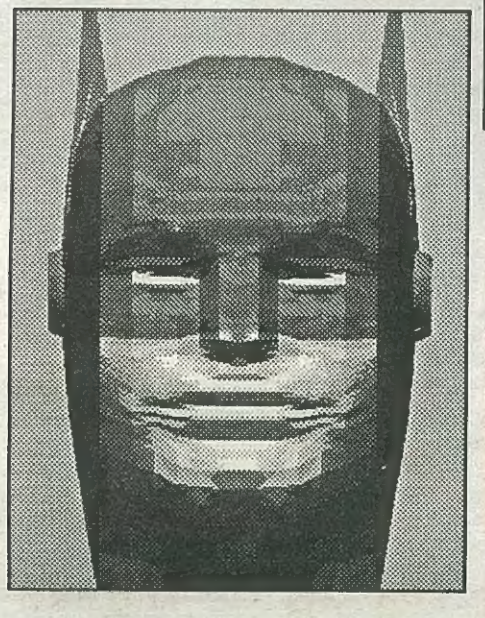
Digital Justice Features MacBatman

There have been several computerized comics, from the simple-by-modern-standards ***Shatter!*** to the 1988-state-of-the-art ***Crash!*** featuring Iron Man. The great thing about computer artwork, though, is that even before a state-of-the-art graphic novel can be completed, the state of the art has progressed so much that it's no longer state of the art.

Even in the brief time since the release of ***Crash!,*** the art of computer illustration has moved forward incredibly. Don't take our word for it, though--you'll have a chance to see it for yourself on February 15th, when the most up-to-date computerized graphic novel ever produced, ***Digital Justice***, hits the comic shop racks. And if the medium itself isn't enough to stir excitement, perhaps the star of the graphic novel will. ***Digital Justice,*** Pepe Moreno's 80-page graphic novel, is the long-awaited future-Batman computer-illustrated graphic novel.

Set in the future, the real hero of ***Digital Justice*** is an honest cop who just happens to be the descendant of Gotham City Police Commissioner James Gordon. It is this cop who finds a means to reincarnate, via computer, the essence of Batman. The Batman and the policeman join forces to fight a most insidious villain--the Joker virus, a computer malady that permeates the circuits of a world totally dependent on its computerized technology. And if this isn't problem enough for this dynamic duo, what are these rumors of a Catwoman?...





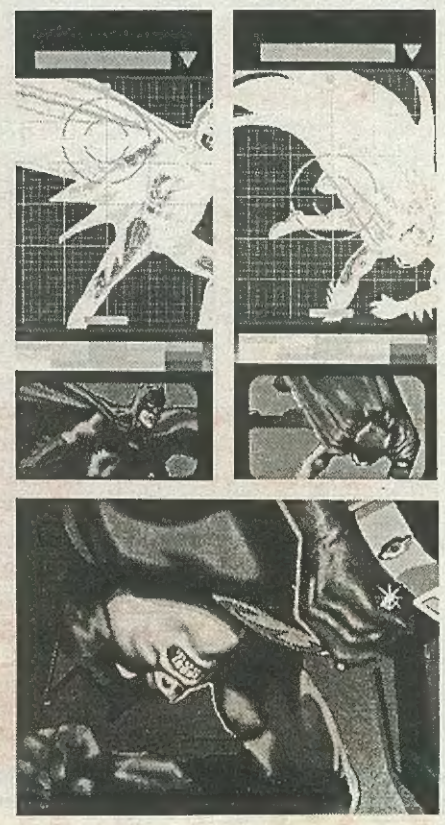
CSN first told you about ***Digital Justice*** in early 1989; what no one knew at the time, though, was the sheer size of this graphic novel. While the actual Batman story in ***Digital Justice*** is eighty pages, the graphic novel itself will run a hefty hundred-and-ten pages, filled out with an intriguing "behind the scenes" feature in which Moreno will explain in non-technical terms just how he used state of the art programs and a top-of-the-line Apple Macintosh computer to create the book. ***Digital Justice*** will also include an introduction by DC's Mike Gold, who should know a great deal about computer-generated comics--he was the editor of the first computer-comic, ***Shatter!***

Digital Justice is co-written by Pepe Moreno and Doug Murray and is entirely illustrated by Moreno. Moreno is well known to European-comics fans as the writer/artist of ***Zeppelin*** and ***Rebel,*** both available in the US from Catalan Books. He has also had worked featured in Marvel's ***Epic Illustrated.***

"Moreno has made the computer not only his full-color canvas," Bob Wayne of DC said, "but an integral part of the synthesis between reader and his 80-page story." Wayne goes on to describe the book as "a breakthrough beyond all previous 'comics by computer.'"

Digital Justice will follow ***Son of the Demon*** and the recently-released ***Arkham Asylum*** as the third Batman graphic novel to be released in hardcover. ***Digital Justice*** will be priced at $24.95. DC warns readers that the book will not be reprinted in hardcover edition once it sells out.

by Cliff Biggers



NEWSBRIEFS

BYRNE RETURNS TO ALPHA FLIGHT...SORT OF...

John Byrne, the artist/writer/creator of Alpha Flight, is coming back to his characters, although he won't be doing any actual Alpha Flight stories. What *will* he be doing? Covers for ***Alpha Flight*** #81 and #82, that's what. These issues feature the search for Northstar.

Alpha Flight #83 will feature pencils and inks by **James Sherman**; and finally, in ***Alpha Flight #84***, the Sorcerer unleashes his armies of the night in a story that leads into the climax of the Sorcerer storyline. Fans who miss the old superhero-action days of Alpha Flight will have a lot to look forward to, since that's the direction slated for ***Alpha Flight*** in 1990.

THE DAWN OF A NEW GREEN LANTERN

Green Lantern: Emerald Dawn has surprised a large number of readers who thought it would be simply a rehashing of Hal Jordan's origin. The book has offered a surprising number of new twists to the Hal Jordan, making it a refreshingly different look at the origin of the first terran Green Lantern.

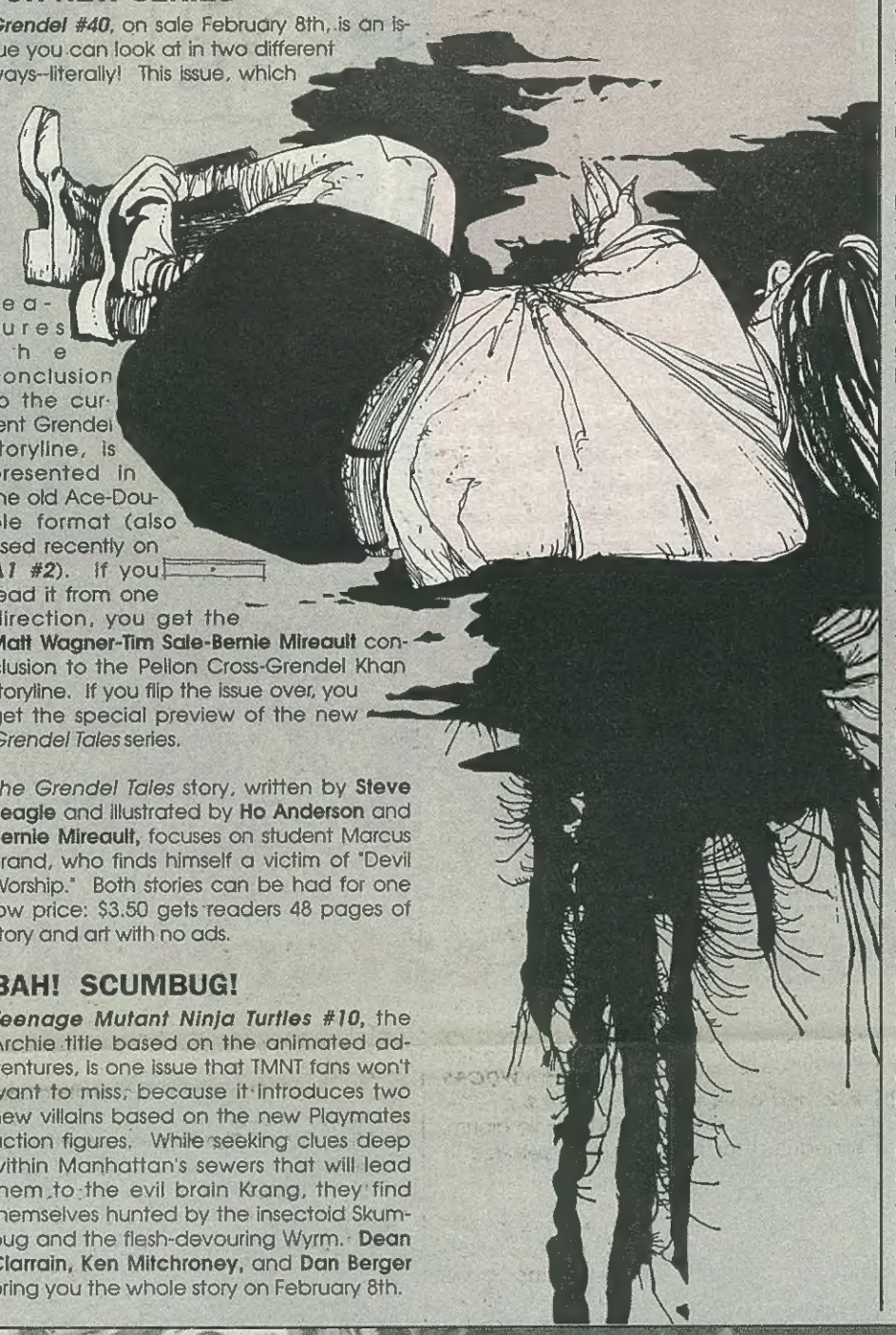
Emerald Dawn #4, on sale February 2nd, presents a look at a hitherto unseen event: Hal Jordan's first adventure as Green Lantern. This story by **Keith Giffen** and **Jim Owsley** takes Hal Jordan to the planet Oa, where he meets the Green Lantern Corps...and his personal trainer, Kilowog. **Mark Bright** and **Romeo Tanghal** add pictures to the tale, just as they will for the ***Green Lantern*** book set to follow this limited series.

ALIENS INVADE HARDCOVER MARKET

CSN has already told you about Dark Horse's plans for an ***Aliens*** trade paperback reprinting the entire series; Dark Horse has now decided to offer that book in three different formats. In addition to the trade paperback set for pre-Christmas release, Dark Horse will also offer a hardcover edition for $24.95 and a limited edition hardcover, signed and numbered by **Mark Verheiden** and **Mark A. Nelson**, priced at $49.95. Both books will feature the entire series plus all the frontpieces Nelson did for the various printings of the series. The 1000-copy limited edition hardcover will also include a special "tipped in" plate by Nelson and will be slip-cased. Both the hardcover editions won't be available until March or April of next year; however, if you're interested, ***CSN*** advises that you let your local comic shop know about it as soon as possible--and tell 'em where you heard about it, okay?

GRENDEL FLIPS FOR NEW SERIES

Grendel #40, on sale February 8th, is an issue you can look at in two different ways--literally! This issue, which features the conclusion to the current Grendel storyline, is presented in the old Ace-Double format (also used recently on ***A1 #2***). If you read it from one direction, you get the **Matt Wagner-Tim Sale-Bernie Mireault** conclusion to the Pellon Cross-Grendel Khan storyline. If you flip the issue over, you get the special preview of the new *Grendel Tales* series.



The Grendel Tales story, written by **Steve Seagle** and illustrated by **Ho Anderson** and **Bernie Mireault,** focuses on student Marcus Brand, who finds himself a victim of "Devil Worship." Both stories can be had for one low price: $3.50 gets readers 48 pages of story and art with no ads.

BAH! SCUMBUG!

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #10, the Archie title based on the animated adventures, is one issue that TMNT fans won't want to miss, because it introduces two new villains based on the new Playmates action figures. While seeking clues deep within Manhattan's sewers that will lead them to the evil brain Krang, they find themselves hunted by the insectoid Skumbug and the flesh-devouring Wyrm. **Dean Clarrain, Ken Mitchroney,** and **Dan Berger** bring you the whole story on February 8th.

THE FURY OF THE PUNISHER

This past summer's two Punisher hardcovers have been so successful that ***Return to Big Nothing*** is already having to go into a second printing just to meet the demand. So is it any surprise to anyone that a *third* Punisher hardcover graphic novel is on line for 1990?

Punisher: Operation Blackheart is written by **Greg Wright** and illustrated by **Jim Lee.** In this graphic novel, Nick Fury and the Punisher team up to do battle with drug smugglers; unfortunately, their modus operandi come into conflict when the Punisher wants to kill the smugglers, while Fury wants to use them to implicate others.

No release date has been set for ***Punisher: Operation Blackheart***; as soon as it is scheduled, ***CSN*** will let you know.

APACHE DICK HAS HIS OWN TROUBLES

One of Les Girls' best friends in ***The Trouble With Girls*** is Apache Dick. So far, though, readers have only gotten to see Apache Dick's life as it interacts with Les Girls. That won't be the case in February, though, when ***Apache Dick,*** a four-issue limited series, debuts from Eternity.

"It fills in the continuity of Apache's life when he's not appearing in ***The Trouble With Girls,***" said **Will Jacobs,** ***The Trouble With Girls'*** co-writer/co-creator, who will be scripting the ***Apache Dick*** mini-series. Jacobs will be joined by artist **Darick Robertson.** In the first issue, Apache Dick finds himself on the trail of a woman who marries and murders for money.

"Interest in ***The Trouble With Girls*** continues to grow," said **Dave Olbrich,** publisher of Eternity. "The ***Apache Dick*** mini-series, combined with the live-action ***The Trouble With Girls*** movie in development in 20th Century Fox, will give the series an added boost."

THORGAL FINDS NEW DISTRIBUTOR

Thorgal, a series of European fantasy graphic novels that has previously been distributed in America by Donning Press, will be coming to fans from a new American distributor in the future. NBM, publishers of some of the finest European graphic novels, will be distributing ***Thorgal*** effective immediately.

Since NBM is much more actively involved in distribution to comic shops than Donning, this should make it easier for your local shop to keep Thorgal in stock. "**Thorgal** is a wonderful fantasy series," ***Terry Nantier*** of NBM said. "It combines great art with inventive suspenseful fantasy stories and has been a best-seller in Europe and in many languages. I look forward to giving this series its best shot."

NBM is already negotiating with ***Thorgal***'s publisher, INK, to distribute other graphic novels in America in 1990.

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NEWSBRIEFS

PIRANHA'S LATEST IS A REAL SHOT TO THE JAW...

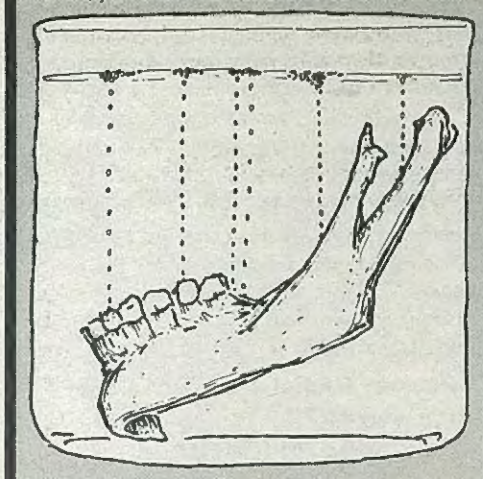
What's the hottest artifact over at 666 Fifth Avenue, home of DC and Piranha Press? No, it isn't the Kryptonian relic that has been causing so much trouble for Superman and Jimmy Olsen for the past few months; instead, it's the jawbone of the king, the Elvis Mandible!

The Elvis Mandible, a 48-page black-and-white one-shot by **Douglas Michael**, is the story of this sacred relic and how it affects the life of Karl, a mild-mannered office worker who ends up with this gift (or is it a curse?).

The book will also answer a number of other questions, according to Piranha's editor **Mark Nevelow.** "What happens to the original derelict, the infamous Mr. Parchesee, after he loses the jawbone? What role do mezzanines, those mysterious half-floors that exist in the nebulous reality between the first and second floors, play in this drama? And is Karl destined to turn as loopy as Mr. Parchesee?

"Believe it or not," Nevelow adds, "***The Elvis Mandible*** answers most of these questions, although not always to everyone's satisfaction." Douglas Michael is understandably eager to have his creation shared with the world, but he's also a little nervous. "I'm fearful," Michael said, "that the reigning mullahs of Iran will find the book offensive. But only to the point of offering would-be assassins free seat upgrades on the Trump Shuttle."

Nonetheless, in the interest of bringing the truth to the public, Douglas Michael is continuing his courageous effort to share the saga of ***The Elvis Mandible*** with the public; in March, you can find out all the sordid details.



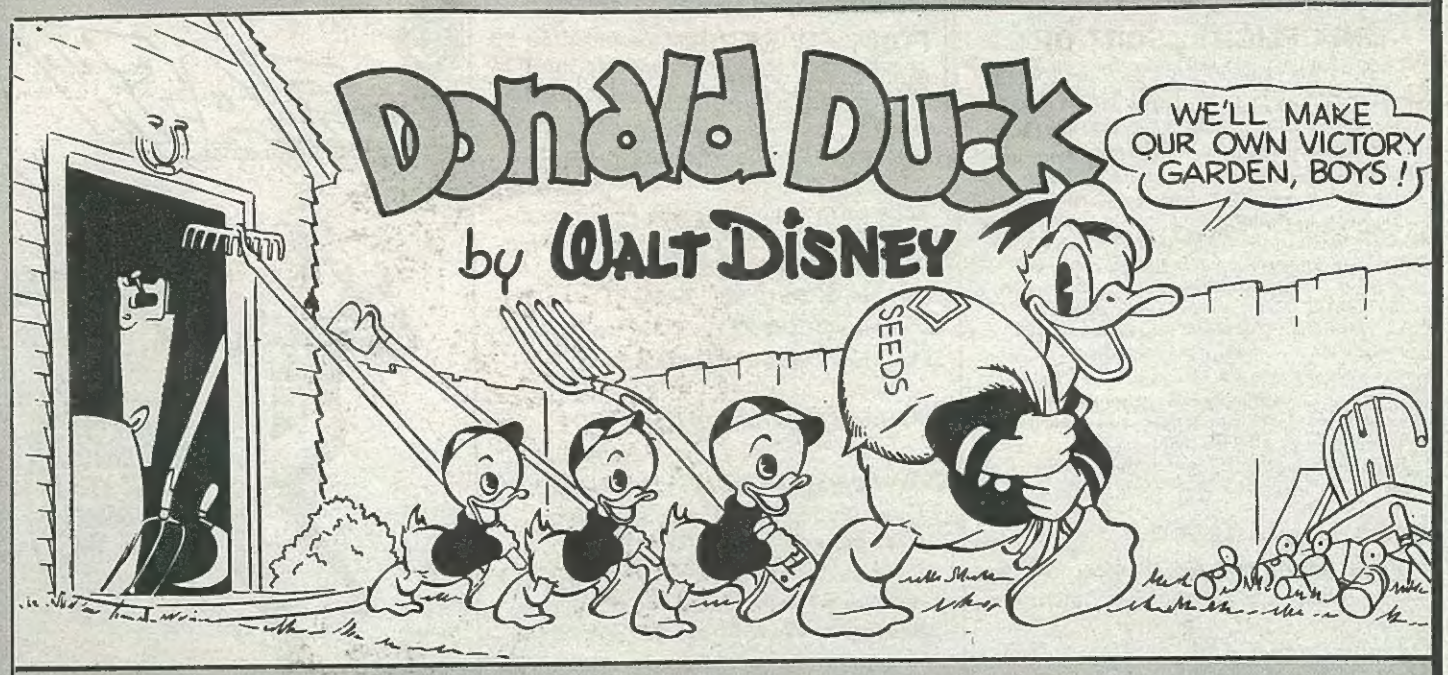
PENULTIMATE POPEYE PLANNED

Fantagraphics' reprinting of the entire **E.C. Segar *Popeye*** series continues in January with the release of ***The Complete E.C. Segar Popeye Volume 10***, which is the next-to-the-last volume in the project.

Segar's first ten years of ***Popeye*** not only introduced the famous Popeye supporting cast, including Olive Oyl, Wimpy, Sweet-Pea, and others, it also established the off-beat tone of ***Popeye*** that made it so different from most other strips. Fans familiar with Popeye the cartoon character have rarely had a chance to enjoy the Segar ***Popeye*** strips; that's why Fantagraphics and editor **Rick Marschall** have made it their goal to offer all the Segar ***Popeye*** material in inexpensive trade paperback and durable hardcovers.

In addition, Fantagraphics will be reprinting the first two volumes of the ***Popeye*** series in the near future, since those volumes have sold out.

The Complete Popeye Volume 10, a 160 page trade paperback, will be priced at $16.95. The hardcover edition, featuring the same material, carries a $35 pricetag.



BARKS ADDS BITE TO GLADSTONE'S FEBRUARY LINE-UP

Gladstone's contract with Walt Disney to produce Disney comic books and graphic albums is coming to a close early in 1990, but the publisher is determined to go out with a bang. In February, they're offering a pair of graphic albums featuring a potpourri of Barks work that should appeal to every Disney fan.

Disney Album #27, subtitled "The Early Barks," collected eight **Carl Barks** shorts from 1943-45 issues of ***Walt Disney's comics and Stories***, none of which have been reprinted in color before. These 80-page graphic album includes Barks' very first ten-pager from ***WDC&S #31***, the first one he both wrote and drew from ***WDC&S #32***, and other shorts from ***WDC&S*** #s 38, 41, 46, 50, 55, and 59. The graphic album, scheduled for February 15th release, is priced at $9.95.

On March 1st, Gladstone will release the 104-page ***Giant Album Special #6***, spotlighting "The Many Faces of Magica de Spell." This book features six classic battles between the sinister sorceress and the world's richest duck, all by Barks. In addition to the title story, the book will also include "The Midas Touch" (de Spell's first appearance), "The Unsafe Safe," "For Old Dime's Sake," "Rug Riders in the Sky," and "Raven Mad." It will be priced at $12.95.

MARVEL MARSHALS ITS FORCES IN STRIP

Marshal Law fans need to keep a sharp eye out for the Marshal in the next few months. Not only is he slated to return in his own ***Marshal Law Thanksgiving Special*** any day now, complete with artwork by **Kevin O'Neill** and **Mark A. Nelson**, but he'll also be a star of the new Marvel UK magazine ***Strip.*** The first issue should be available on January 18th; it will serialize the original Marshal Law Sleepman saga from Epic's six-issue ***Marshal Law*** limited series. If reprints aren't enough to satisfy your ***Marshal Law*** appetite, there's a feast due next year; Marshal Law returns in late 1990 in a new series of original adventures from Epic Comics.

HOT DOG! IT'S GENE COLAN!

Archie's newest title, ***Hot Dog***, is quite a departure from the standard Archie comic. Each issue feature's **Nate Butler**'s clever tales of Jughead's dog, sent on anthropomorphic exploits anywhere his super-scientific doghouse can transport him. In ***Hot Dog #3***, on sale February 22nd, Hot Dog finds himself quite a distance from home as he dons mask and cape to avenge a distressed reporter on another world. Since this is a superhero adventure, what better artist could Archie Comics choose than ace superhero illustrator **Gene Colan**, one of the stalwarts from the original Marvel Age of Comics?! Colan takes pencil in hand for this story, which is inked by Nate Butler. (Incidentally, if you didn't know that Colan has been working for Archie for a while now, you've been missing out on some dynamite stuff; these adventure tales show a facet of Colan's art that many fans have never before seen!)

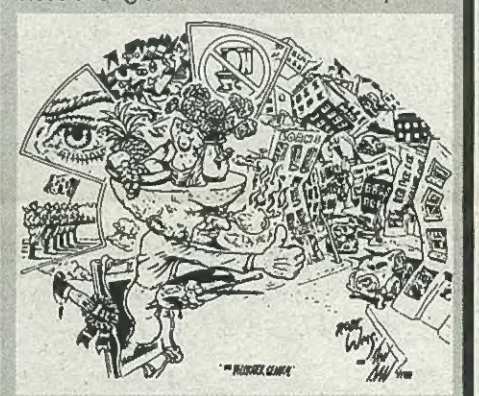
MAZE DAYS ARE OURS

The Maze Agency Special #1, on sale in January, will be quite a different issue: the feature stories in this issue will follow Gabe and Jennifer through a typical day--or maybe it isn't a typical day after all, since they find themselves involved in three different cases! The stories are entitled, appropriately enough, "Morning," "Afternoon," and "Evening." **Mike Barr** will be writing all three adventures, but a series of guest artists will handle the visuals. **Joe Staton** and **Rick Magyar** are the "Morning" people, **Magyar** is a solo artist in the "Afternoon," and the **Pander Bros.** are just right for "Evening."

This isn't the only special thing in ***The Maze Agency Special #1***, though; this book will also present the very *first* Maze Agency story ever created. "The Mile-High Corpse" is a joint effort of **Mike Barr** and **Alan Davis**; before Davis moved on to ***Excalibur***, there was a period of time wherein it appeared that he might be the ***Maze Agency*** artist. This story is the only full collaborative effort Barr and Davis did for ***The Maze Agency***, and it's seeing print at last. **Bill Willingham** is preparing a wraparound cover for this Special; the entire package will be priced at $2.75, and will be printed in full-color.

3-D NO NOVELTY FOR 3-D ZONE

3-D Zone, **Ray Zone**'s company devoted to bringing comics fans the finest in 3-D work, will be expanding beyond the comics market and into various other novelty items in 1990. Ray Zone's company began offering 3-D posters and t-shirts early this past year, and received a very strong response for these items, so they're adding more of these strong sellers to the 1990 line-up.



"February we will be presenting the ***Wayno 3-D Postcard set*** which features zany new images by a strong young talent named **Wayno** in the 3-D format," Ray Zone said. This postcard set will feature 12 3-D postcards printed on glossy stock with special fluorescent 3-D inks; the cards, packaged in a poly-bag with free 3-D glasses, will be priced at $3.95. "The art of Wayno will appeal to both comics fans and those who appreciate new wave art outside of the comics market," Zone said.

The same month, 3-D Zone will release the ***Robert Williams "Decorator General" 3-D T-Shirt.*** "This t-shirt," Zone said, "represents the first time that **Robert Williams**' art will be seen in a 3-D t-shirt format. The art is outrageous and is a digitization by **The Pizz** of one of Robert's most recent paintings. The 3-D effect is incredible." The shirt, featuring a 3-D image on a 100% cotton white tee, will be priced at $14.95. As with any specialty item of this sort, ***CSN*** recommends that you let your local comic shop know immediately that you want either the shirt or the postcards--and tell 'em ***CSN*** sent you!

TIM DRAKE'S ROBBIN' THE NEW TITANS OF ATTENTION

It's only appropriate that Tim Drake would return to the pages of the ***New Titans*** in late February. After all, it was in the pages of ***New Titans*** #60 and #61 that Drake became Robin, the Batman's partner. He still has a lot to learn, though; that's why he's back to find out just what the word *partner* means. Who's his teacher? None other than Dick Grayson--the original Robin--of course! Look for this story by **Marv Wolfman, Tom Grummett,** and **Al Vey** on February 22nd, complete with a **Grummet-Perez** cover to round things out.

CSN DECEMBER

The Complete December Checklist is a listing of scheduled titles and the dates that they should arrive in comics shops across the country. That doesn't mean that the books will always be in your shop on the date listed: some publishers ship from different parts of the country, and the farther away the publisher is from your local comic shop, the longer it will take the books to get to you. Publishers are sometimes forced to reschedule titles, and that might result in some date changes on some releases.

Each entry presents the title and number of the book, followed by the release date; if a title doesn't have a scheduled release date (some publishers merely say that their books will ship in December without giving a date), we don't give you a date. After that is the Publisher of the comic and the price. If a book you're looking for is on the index and doesn't arrive in a week or two after the date, be sure to ask the friendly folks at your comics shop; they may be able to update you on schedule changes that have affected that book.

Hang on to this list! It presents the titles that are supposed to ship in December.

❑***A1 3*** Atomeka $5.95

New format, new lower price, and the same high quality material–what more can you ask for?

❑***Action Comics 649*** 12/7 DC .75

❑***Advance Comics*** Capital .75

Find out what's coming up in February

❑***Advanced Dungeons & Dragons 14*** 12/7 DC $1.50

❑***Adventurers Book III 3*** Adventure $2.25

❑***Adventures of Blake & Mortimer 2*** Comcat $8.95

❑***Agent GN*** 12/7 Marvel $9.95

A major new graphic novel set in the Marvel super-hero universe! Hudnall, Ridgeway, and Kindzierski present the story of the Agent–Rick Mason, son of the Tinkerer–who is brought in by Nick Fury to eliminate drug-running super-villains. A CSN Hot Pick.

❑***Akira 16*** 12/28 Marvel $3.50

❑***Alf 26*** 12/14 Marvel $1

❑***Alien Legion 15*** 12/28 Marvel $1.50

❑***Aliens Vs. Predator 1*** Dark Horse $2.25

The year's hottest independent comic! Stradley and Norwood bring fans the ultimate confrontation–with a human colony's existence hanging on the outcome. A CSN Hot Pick

❑***All-Star Action Heroes 2*** Starlog $3.95

❑***Alpha Flight 81*** 12/14 Marvel $1.50

❑***Amazing Heroes 175*** Fantagraphics $3.50

Featuring an interview with Peter David

❑***Amazing Heroes Preview Special 10*** Fantagraphics $4.95

❑***Amazing Spider-Man 329*** 12/14 Marvel $1

Erik Larson debuts as series artist on this, the final chapter of the Super-Spidey Saga–a CSN Hot Pick

❑***Archie 375*** 12/21 Archie $1

❑***Archies 3000 7*** 12/7 Archie $1

❑***Archie's Double Digest 45*** 12/7 Archie $2.25

❑***Archie's Pals 'n' Gals 213*** 12/7 Archie $1

❑***Avengers 314*** 12/21 Marvel $1

Guest-starring Iron Man and the Vision

❑***Avengers Spotlight 29*** 12/14 Marvel $1

Featuring Hawkeye and Iron Man

❑***Avengers West Coast 55*** 12/7 Marvel $1

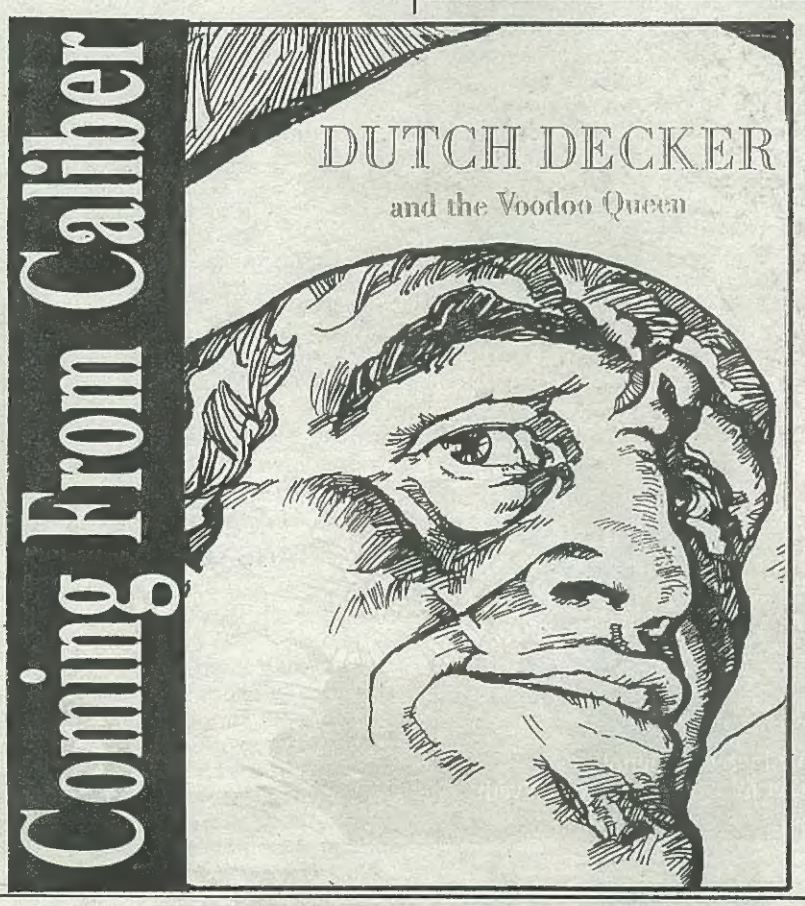
The Scarlet Witch falls under the evil influence of dear ol' dad, Magneto

❑***Bad Axe 3*** Adventure $2.25

❑***Bad Company 16*** Quality $1.50

❑***Badger 58*** 12/7 First $1.95

The Wombat challenges the Badger to a foot race in a tale by Baron, Chaloner, and Robinson



❑***Baoh 1*** 12/21 Viz $2.95

A young girl and a teenage boy escape from a sinister scientific organization; since she's psychic and he carries within him an organism called Baoh, which can transform him into a destructive creature, the organization wants them back–at any cost! A CSN Hot Pick

❑***Bat 1*** Apple $2.25

In the 1930's, a man gains the power of Dracula–but uses them in a one-man war on crime under the guise of The Bat! A CSN Hot Pick

❑***Bayou Billy 4*** 12/21 Archie $1

❑***Beautiful Stories For Ugly Children 7*** 12/7 Piranha $2

❑***Betty & Me 181*** 12/21 Archie $1

❑***Betty 7 Veronica 28*** 12/14 Archie $1

❑***Betty & Veronica Comics Digest 41*** 12/7 Archie $1.50

❑***Birthright 2*** Fantagraphics $2

❑***Black Bow 1*** Burcham $1.95

❑***Blood Sword 18*** Jademan $1.95

❑***Body Count 1*** Aircel $2.25

A clever spoof of slasher films

❑***Caliber Christmas 1*** Caliber $3.95

A Christmas anthology featuring new stories of The Crow, Deadworld, Baker Street, the Realm, and more–a CSN Hot Pick

❑***Captain America 367*** 12/7 Marvel $1

❑***Captain Atom 37*** 12/7 DC $1

❑***Captain Harlock 3*** Eternity $1.95

❑***Cases of Sherlock Holmes 18*** Northstar $2.25

❑***Casper the Friendly Ghost 252*** Harvey $1

❑***Cerebus 129*** Aardvark-Vanaheim $2

❑***Checkmate! 24*** 12/7 DC $1

Cherry Anthology 1 Last Gasp $12.95

Reprinting the first four issues of Cherry in one trade paperback–adults only

❑***Cheval Noir 5*** Dark Horse $3.50

❑***Classic X-Men 44*** 12/28 Marvel $1.25

Reprinting X-Men #138

❑***Clive Barker: Illustrator TPB*** 12/14 Eclipse $19.95

A comprehensive look at the little-known artistic side of horror writer Clive Barker

❑***Clive Barker's Hellraiser 1*** 12/14 Marvel $4.95

An all-new anthology of horror tales set in Barker's Hellraiser universe, featuring grim tales of the Cenobites by Wrightson, McKeever, and others–a CSN Hot Pick

❑***Cloak & Dagger 10*** 12/28 Marvel $1.50

When Cloak and Dagger face Wolverine, Rogue, Colossus, Storm, and Havok, it isn't what it seems to be!

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A young woman finds that an antique clock is the doorway to another dimension

❑***Collected Gnatrat TPB*** Fantagraphics $9.95

Trade paperback featuring all of Mark Martin's Gnatrat material (except for this summer's Innovation one-shot)

❑***Comic Relief 8*** Page One Inc. $2.50

Superlative anthology of humor strips, editorial cartoons, syndicated features, and more!

❑***Comics Express 2*** 12/21 Eclipse $2.95

❑***Comics Interview 78*** Comics Interview $3.95

Featuring an interview with Steve Rude

❑***Comics Interview 79*** Comics Interview $3.95

Spotlighting the new Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles live-action film

❑***Comics Journal 134*** Fantagraphics $3.95

A must-read interview with Jack Kirby highlights this issue

❑***Comics Revue 40*** Comics Interview $4.95

❑***Comics Revue 41*** Comics Interview $4.95

The new Batman strip joins the Comics Revue line-up with this issue

❑***Complete Pogo Comics TPB 2*** 12/21 Eclipse $7.95

❑***Conan 229*** 12/21 Marvel $1

❑***Conan Saga 35*** 12/28 Marvel $2.25

❑***Cosmic Heroes 11*** Eternity $3.95

❑***Critical Mass 1*** 12/7 Marvel $4.95

Debut issue of a seven-issue series wrapping up the Shadowline Saga storyline

❑***Critters 50*** Fantagraphics $4.95

An extra-long all-star finale for Critters, featuring some of the biggest names in anthropomorphic comics–a CSN Hot Pick

❑***Cry for Dawn 1*** Cry For Dawn $2.25

Four graphic horror stories by Joseph Michael Linsner; introduction by Steve Bissette

❑***Crying Freeman 3*** 12/28 Viz $3.50

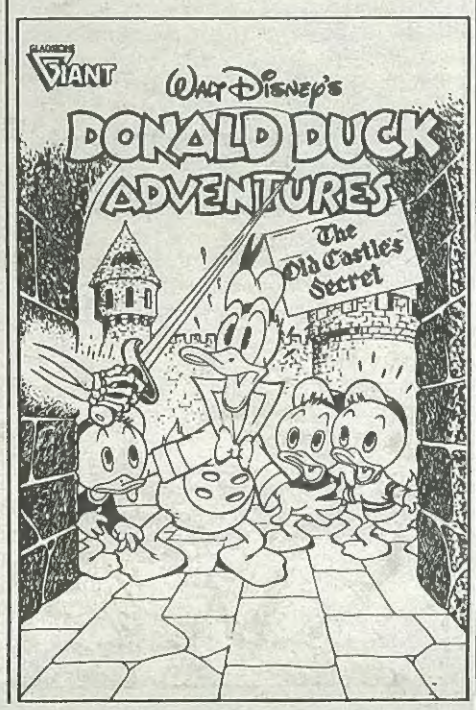
❑***Cyber 7 Book II 3*** 12/14 Eclipse $2

❑***Damage Control II 4*** 12/28 Marvel $1

❑***Daredevil 277*** 12/7 Marvel $1

❑***Dark Horse Presents 36*** Dark Horse $1.95

Featuring an Aliens-Predator story that leads into Aliens Vs. Predator 1–a CSN Hot Pick



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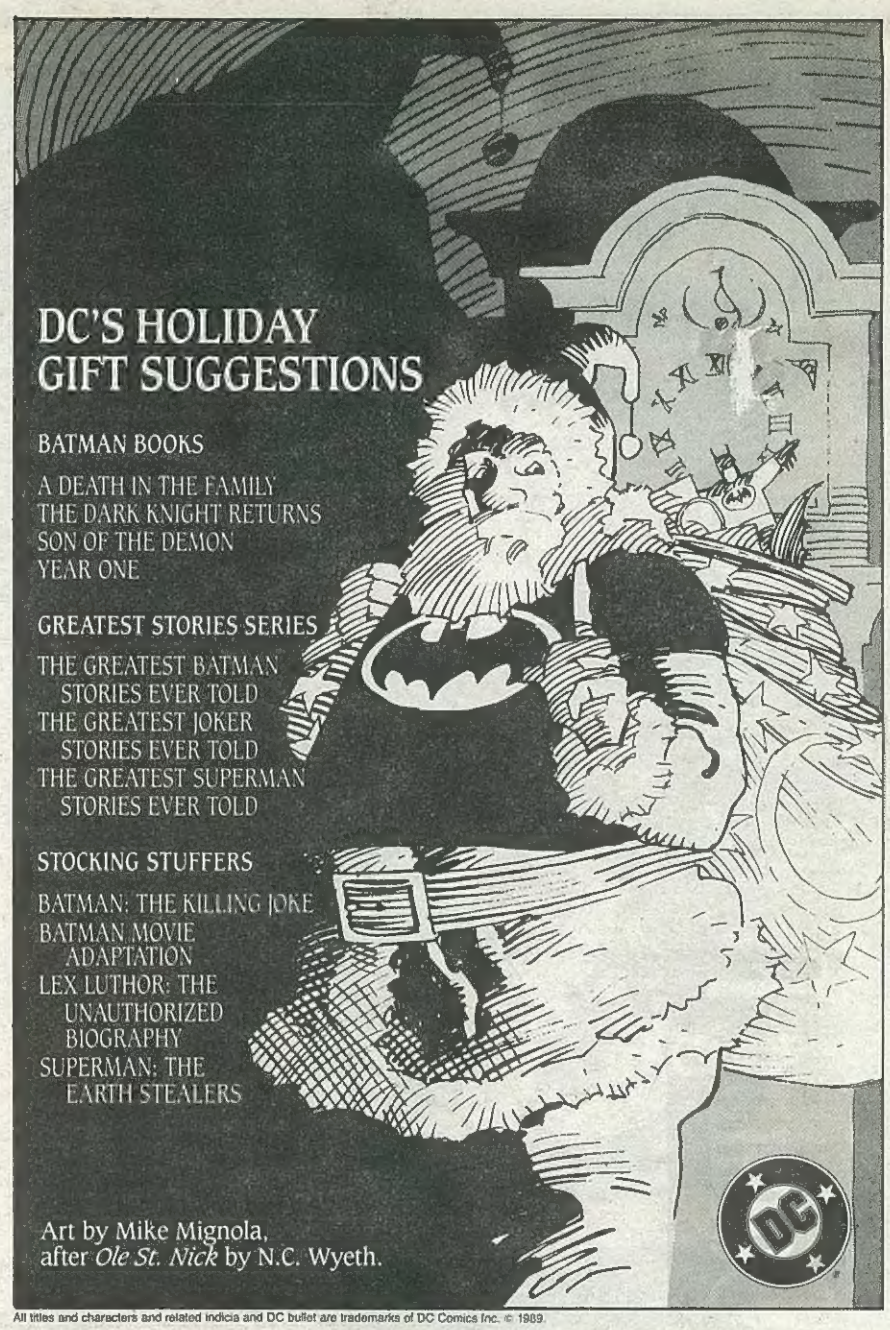
❑**Deadman: Love After Death 2** 12/14 DC $3.95
❑**Demon Hunter 1** Aircel $1.95
❑**Den 10** Fantagor $2
❑**Denizens of Deep City 7** Kitchen Sink $2
❑**Destroyer 5** 12/21 Marvel $2.25
❑**Detective 611** 12/21 DC $1
The Penguin is back–and he has a building full of hostages–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Doc Savage 17** 12/14 DC $1.75
The Shadow and Doc Savage join forces in a four-part story–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Doctor Fate 14** DC $1.50
❑**Doctor Strange 14** 12/28 Marvel $1.50
❑**Doctor Who Monthly 156** Marvel UK $4.95
❑**Dominion 3** 12/28 Eclipse $2
❑**Donald Duck Adventures 20** Gladstone $1.95
❑**Doom Patrol 29** 12/7 DC $1.50
❑**Dracula 1** Eternity $2.50
Extremely faithful adaptation of Stoker's archetypal vampire novel
❑**Dragonforce 13** Aircel $2.25
❑**Dragonlance 16** 12/21 DC $1.50
❑**Dreadstar 53** 12/21 First $1.95
❑**Drunken Fist 18** Jademan $1.95
❑**Eagle 23** Apple $2.25
❑**East Meets West 1** Innovation $2.50
❑**El Diablo 6** 12/21 DC $1.50
❑**Electric Undertow 4** 12/14 Marvel $3.95
❑**Elementals 10** 12/14 Comico $2.50
❑**Empire Lanes 1** 12/14 Comico $2.95
❑**Everything's Archie 148** 12/14 Archie $1
❑**Excalibur 19** 12/21 Marvel $1.50
❑**Excalibur Special Edition 2** 12/14 Marvel $4.50
Chris Claremont, Art Adams, and Terry Austin present a 48-page bookshelf-format extravaganza replete with a royal wedding, Mojo, the X-Babies, and more–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Eye of Mongombo 3** Fantagraphics $2
❑**Faculty Funnies 4** 12/7 Archie $1
❑**Fanboys Special 1** New $2
❑**Fantastic Four 337** 12/28 Marvel $1
Walt Simonson takes over as writer and artist of the FF with this issue–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Faust 7** Northstar $2.25
❑**Femfastique Showcase: TV's Sheena TPB** AC $12.95

❑**Firestorm 94** 12/14 DC $1
❑**Firkin the Cat 2** Last Gasp $2.50
❑**Fish Police 21** Apple $2.25
❑**Flash 35** 12/14 DC $1
❑**Force of Buddha's Palm 18** Jademan $1.95
❑**Forgotten Realms 7** 12/21 DC $1.50
❑**Fox Comics 25** Fantagraphics $2.95
❑**French Ticklers 2** Kitchen Sink $2
Anthology title featuring French humor comics
❑**Fright Night 17** 12/7 NOW $1.75
❑**Ghostbusters II TPB** 12/21 NOW $8.95
❑**GI Joe 97** 12/21 Marvel $1
❑**Gladstone Album 25: Donald Duck** Gladstone $5.95
Reprinting Carl Barks' "A Christmas For Shacktown"
❑**Gladstone Giant Album 4: Uncle Scrooge** Gladstone $11.95
Reprinting all of Scrooge's confrontations with Flintheart Glomgold, including Don Rosa's "The Son of the Sun"
❑**Gorezone 12** Starlog $3.95
❑**Graphic Story Monthly 2** Fantagraphics $2.95
❑**Greatest Super-Hero Team-Up Stories Ever Told HC** 12/7 DC $24.95
Hardcover collection of some of the best super-hero team-up stories produced in the past thirty-plus years!–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Greatest Golden Age Stories Ever Told HC** 12/14 DC $24.95
By popular demand, DC offers a hardcover edition of rare Golden Age superhero adventures starring Batman, Superman, the Justice Society, and oodles more–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Green Arrow 28** 12/7 DC $1.25
❑**Grimjack 69** 12/14 First $1.95
❑**Groo the Wanderer 62** 12/14 Marvel $1
❑**Halloweiners 2** Mirage $1.75
❑**Hammer of God 3** 12/28 First $1.95
❑**Hardcore GN** Piranha $9.95
Alec Stevens second graphic novel for Piranha takes readers into the underground of modern London–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Hawk & Dove 9** 12/21 DC $1
❑**Heathcliff 44** 12/14 Marvel $1
❑**Hellblazer 27** 12/21 DC $1.50
❑**Hellwarrior 3** Burcham $1.95
❑**Hero Alliance 7** Innovation $1.95
❑**Huntress 11** 12/14 DC $1
❑**Icon Devil 3** Spider-Optics $1.85
❑**In-Country Nam 5** Survival Art $1.95

❑**Incredible Hulk 366** 12/21 Marvel $1
The penultimate installment of "Countdown"–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Interface 2** 12/14 Marvel $1.95
❑**Iron Man 253** 12/28 Marvel $1
❑**Jademan Collection 2** Jademan $2.50
❑**James Bond 007 2** Eclipse $3.95
The middle installment of Mike Grell's original James Bond prestige-format series
❑**Judge Dredd 39** Quality $1.50
❑**Judge Dredd Book 27** Titan $12.95
❑**Jughead With Archie Digest 97** 12/14 Archie $1.50
❑**Justice League America 35** 12/14 DC $1
❑**Justice League Europe 10** 12/7 DC $1
❑**Justice League International Special 1** 12/21 DC $1.50
Wein, Phillips, and Rubinstein present Mister Miracle's comeback performance in Madison Square Garden, with the Justice League, Manga Khan, and the Cluster in attendance–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Justice Machine 2** Innovation $1.95
❑**Katy Keene Digest 9** 12/21 Archie $1.50
❑**Laugh Comics Digest 87** 12/7 Archie $1.50
❑**Law of Dredd 9** Quality $1.50
❑**Leather & Lace 6** Aircel $2.50
❑**Legends of Dark Knight 3** 12/7 DC $1.50
❑**Legends of Elfinwild 3** Wehner $2
❑**Legends of the Stargrazers Portfolio** Innovation $12.95
❑**Legion of Super-Heroes 4** 12/14 DC $1.75
❑**Life with Archie 277** 12/7 Archie .95
❑**Little Archie Digest 41** 12/21 Archie $1.50
❑**Lone Wolf & Cub 32** 12/7 First $3.25
❑**Lum: Urusei Yatsura 8** 12/7 Viz $2.95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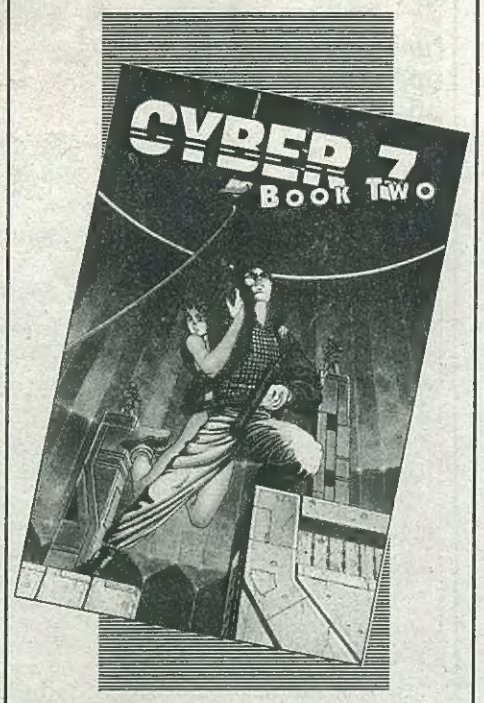
❑**Mad Super Special 72** Mad $3.50
❑**Manhunter 22** 12/14 DC $1.
❑**Marvel Age 85** 12/21 Marvel .75
❑**Marvel Comics 43** 12/14 Marvel $1.25
Spotlighting Wolverine by Wolfman and Buscema; plus Wonder Man, Iron Man, and Siryn–Erik Larson/Al Gordon cover
❑**Marvel Comics 44** 12/28 Marvel $1.25
Wolverine, Wonder Man, Dr. Strange, and Puma
❑**Marvel Fanfare 49** 12/21 Marvel $1.95
What a team! Dr. Strange, Nick Fury, and Dum Dum Dugan face a bitter American Indian who wants to use his magical powers to alter history in this Alan Weiss story.
❑**Marvel Tales 234** 12/21 Marvel $1
Reprinting Marvel Team-Up 4, with a new Todd McFarlane cover
❑**Maze Agency 11** Innovation $1.95
Jennifer and Gabe try to bring a merry Christmas to a couple hunted by the mob
❑**Maze Agency Special 1** Innovations $2.75
Featuring four complete Mike Barr Maze Agency stories, illustrated by Staton, Magyar, the Pander Brothers, and Alan (Excalibur) Davis!–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Michelangelo 1** Mirage $1.75
❑**Mickey Mouse 256** Gladstone $1.95
❑**Mighty Tiny 1** Antarctic $1.75
❑**Mike Grell's Sable 2** 12/21 First $1.75
Reprinting Jon Sable Freelance #2 with a new Denys Cowan cover
❑**Mirage Mini-Comics Set** Mirage $11.95
13 mini-comics featuring the Turtles, Puma Blues, Melting Pott, Commandosaurs, Gizmo, and more–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Moon Knight 11** 12/28 Marvel $1.50
❑**Mr. X 9** Vortex $2
❑**Nam 41** 12/28 Marvel $1.50
❑**Nausicaa of the Valley of Wind GN** 12/21 Viz $13.95
First installment of a deluxe reprinting of the first Nausicaa series

❑**Nausicaa of the Valley of Wind Book II 4** 12/28 Viz $3.25
❑**Nemesis the Warlock Limited Edition 3** Quality $1.95
❑**New Archies Digest 9** 12/14 Archie $1.50
❑**New Beginnings 1** Unicorn $1.50
❑**New Gods 12** 12/7 DC $1.50
❑**New Mutants 86** 12/14 Marvel $1
The New Mutants face the Vulture in an adventure by Louise Simonson, Rob Liefeld, and Al Milgrom
❑**New Titans 63** 12/21 DC $1.75
Titans Plague Part 2 pits the Titans against the Terminator
❑**Nexus 67** 12/7 First $1.95
❑**Nexus Legends 12** 12/21 First $1.75
❑**Nexus Poster** 12/7 First $5.95
Steve Rude's painting of the Nexus "family" is offered as a poster
❑**Ninja High School 17** Eternity $1.95
❑**Nth Man 9** 12/14 Marvel $1
❑**One TPB** King Hell $14.95
King Hell Press kicks off its line with a reprinting of Rick Veitch's The One, a grim superhero adventure–Veitch will be "fine-tuning" the original series to make this the definitive presentation of "The One"–also features a round table discussion on "The One and the Revisionist Superheroes" by Neil Gaiman, Stephen Bissette, and Tom Veitch
❑**Open Space 1** 12/7 Marvel $4.95
Marvel's new "shared-universe" sf series kicks off with four stories by top sf writers and a cover by Kelly Freas–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Oriental Heroes 18** Jademan $1.95
❑**Outlanders 13** Dark Horse $2.25
❑**Outlanders Collection Volume 1** Dark Horse $9.95
Trade paperback reprinting of Outlanders 1-3, plus a never-before-printed-in-America 20-page sidebar story–a CSN Hot Pick
Overture 1 Innovation $2.25
❑**Phantom 11** 12/7 DC $1.50
❑**Police Academy 6** 12/21 Marvel $1
❑**Psi-Judge Anderson Limited Edition 2** Quality $1.95
❑**Punisher 30** 12/21 Marvel $1
❑**Punisher Magazine 7** 12/7 Marvel $2.25
❑**Punisher War Journal 15** 12/28 Marvel $1.50
The Punisher and Spider-Man try to rescue Mary Jane and the staff of the Daily Bugle–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Quasar 7** 12/14 Marvel $1



❑**Question 34** 12/7 DC $1.75
❑**Racer-X 7** 12/7 NOW $1.75
❑**Ralph Snart Adventures 18** 12/7 Now $1.75
❑**Retief 1** Adventure $2.25
Keith Laumer's diplomat-hero returns to comics in an all-new series adapting the award-winning Retief short stories–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Richie Rich 247** Harvey $1
❑**Richie Rich Digest 21** Harvey $1.75
❑**Ring 2** 12/21 DC $4.95
Roy Thomas and Gil Kane bring Wagner's opera cycle to comics
❑**Rip Off 25** Rip Off $3.25
❑**Ripper 2** Aircel $2.50
❑**Roachmill 8** Dark Horse $1.75
❑**Robin Hood 3** Eternity $2.25
❑**Robotech II: Malcontent Uprisings 5** Eternity $1.95
❑**Robotech II: The Sentinels 13** Eternity $1.95
❑**Rogue Trooper 39** Quality $1.50
❑**Rough Raiders 3** Blue Comet $2
❑**Roy Rogers Western Classics 1** AC $2.95
❑**Sable 26** 12/28 First $1.95
❑**Savage Henry 14** Vortex $2
❑**Savage Sword of Conan 170** 12/14 Marvel $2.25
Valeria and Red Sonja face to face at last–will Conan survive?
❑**Score 3** 12/7 Piranha $4.95
❑**Secret Agent X-9: Welcome to Hades TPB** Kitchen Sink $13.95
Trade paperback reprinting the entire Dashiell Hammett/Alex Raymond Secret Agent storyline–this is the first time this entire run of material has been offered in this high-quality format–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Secret Origins 47** 12/21 DC $1.75
Spotlighting the origins of now-dead Legion of Super-Heroes members
❑**Shadow Strikes 5** 12/7 DC $1.75
Part one of a four-part Shadow-Doc Savage crossover adventure–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**She-Hulk 12** 12/7 Marvel $1.50
❑**Sherlock Holmes 18** Eternity $2.25
❑**SHIELD 8** 12/21 Marvel $1.50
❑**Shuriken: Cold Steel 6** Eternity $1.95
❑**Silver Surfer 34** 12/21 Marvel $1
Jim Starlin takes the Silver Surfer into the cosmos when he debuts as series writer with this issue–guest starring Thanos, who'll move from here into his own limited series–a CSN Hot Pick
❑**Silverback 3** 12/21 Comico $2.25
❑**Sinbad 2** Adventure $2.25

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❑***Sleeze Brothers 6*** 12/14 Marvel $1.75

❑***Slimer! 11*** 12/7 NOW $1.75

❑***Snake 1*** Special $3.50

A new comics hero in the time-honored pulp-hero tradition, written by Dave (Wordsmith) Darrigo

❑***Snarl 13*** Kitchen Sink $2

❑***Southern Knights 34*** Comics Interview $2.25

❑***Speakeasy 105*** Eclipse $2.95

❑***Spectacular Spider-Man 161*** 12/28 Marvel $1

❑***Spicy Tales 14*** Eternity $2.25

❑***Spirit 62*** Kitchen Sink $2

❑***Star Trek 5*** 12/21 DC $1.50

❑***Star Trek: Next Generation Magazine 10*** Starlog $3.95

❑***Starlog 151*** Starlog $3.95

❑***Steven 1*** Kitchen Sink $2.95

❑***Straw Men 6*** Innovation $2.25

❑***Street Music 5*** Fantagraphics $2.50

❑***Studs Kirby: Voice of America TPB*** Fantagraphics $9.95

Trade paperback collection of Peter Bagge's Studs Kirby material from Neat Stuff

❑***Suicide Squad 37*** 12/7 DC $1

❑***Superboy 1*** 12/14 DC $1

From the television to the comic book page, make room for Superboy! Complete with a photo cover from the syndicated series

❑***Superman 40*** 12/21 DC .75

Superman Archives 1 12/14 DC $39.95

Hardcover reprinting of ultra-rare Superman #1-4–a CSN Hot Pick

❑***Sushi 1*** Shunga $2.50

Adult manga-style humor

❑***Tales of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Collected Edition TPB*** Mirage $14.95

Trade paperback collection of all seven issues of Tales of the TMNT–256 pages

❑***Tapping the Vein 3*** 12/21 Eclipse $6.95

Adapting two more of Barker's "Books of Blood" stories

❑***Team Nippon 7*** Aircel $1.95

❑***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 9*** 12/14 Archie $1

❑***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Portfolio*** Mirage $9.95

❑***Thor 414*** 12/28 Marvel $1

❑***Thor TPB*** 12/14 Marvel $8.95

Reprinting Thor #337-340

❑***Tick 7*** NEC $2.25

❑***Tiger-X 4*** Eternity $1.95

❑***Time Masters 1*** 12/21 DC $1.75

❑***Tony Bravado 3*** Special $2.50

❑***Torpedo 6*** Catalan $11.95

❑***Transformers 63*** 12/28 Marvel $1

❑***Trident 4*** Trident $3.50

❑***Trollords: Death & Kisses 4*** Apple $2.25

❑***Trouble With Girls 10*** Eternity $1.95

❑***2000 AD Showcase 45*** Quality $1.50

❑***Uncle Scrooge 242*** Gladstone $1.95

❑***Underground Classics 11*** Rip Off $2.50

More Jesus Comics by Foolbert Sturgeon

❑***Unsupervised Existence 2*** Fantagraphics $2.50

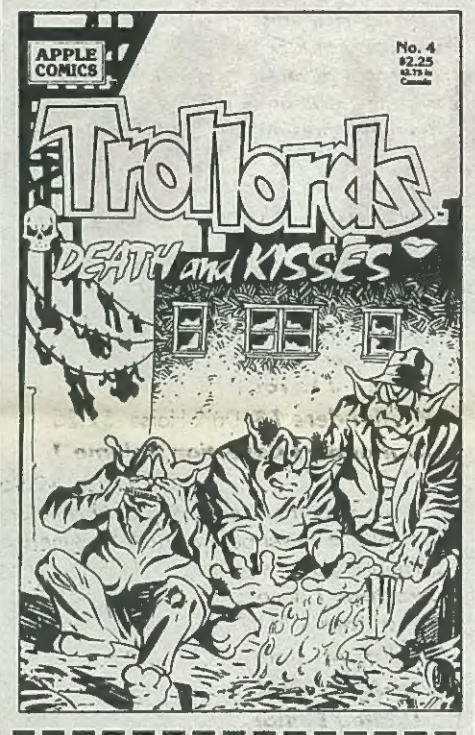
❑***Usagi Yojimbo 20*** Fantagraphics $2

❑***Vaughn Bode's Poemtoons TPB*** New $6.95

❑***Walking Dead 4*** Aircel $2.25

❑***Walt Disney's Comics & Stoires 547*** Gladstone $1.95

❑***War of the Worlds TPB*** Eternity $9.95



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❑***Warlock 5 Book II 7*** Aircel $2

❑***Web of Spider-Man 61*** 12/7 Marvel $1

❑***Weird Smut Comics 3*** Weird Smut $2.50

❑***Weirdo 27*** Last Gasp $2.95

❑***What If? 10*** 12/21 Marvel $1.25

"What If the Punisher's Family Hadn't Been Killed in Central Park?" You can find out in this issue by Murray, Levins, and McLeod

❑***What's Michael? TPB*** 12/28 Eclipse $7.95

Eclipse describes this as a cross between Kliban's Cat and Larson's The Far Side; it's an American printing of Makoto Kobayashi's popular manga story is the Japanese equivalent of Garfield in terms of popularity

❑***Whisper 35*** 12/14 First $1.95

❑***Wolverine Special Edition 1*** 12/7 Marvel $4.50

Walt Simonson, Mike Mignola, and Bob Wiacek take Wolverine deep into the Savage Land in this bookshelf-format special that pits him against Apocalypse–a CSN Hot Pick

❑***Wilderness Book I: Borderland TPB*** 4Winds $12.95/$19.95/$59.95

Tim Truman's long-awaited Wilderness series, spotlighting the life of Simon Girty, begins with this 88-page graphic novel offered in softcover, hardcover, and signed limited edition embossed hardcover–a CSN Hot Pick

❑***Wolverine 21*** 12/14 Marvel $1.50

❑***Wonder Woman 39*** 12/14 DC $1

❑***X-Factor 51*** 12/28 Marvel $1

❑***X-Men 258*** 12/7 Marvel J$1

❑***Xxxenophile 2*** Palliard $2.50

Adult humor by Phil Foglio and others

❑***Yahoo 3*** Fantagraphics $2

❑***Zorann: Star Warrior 1*** Blue Comet $2

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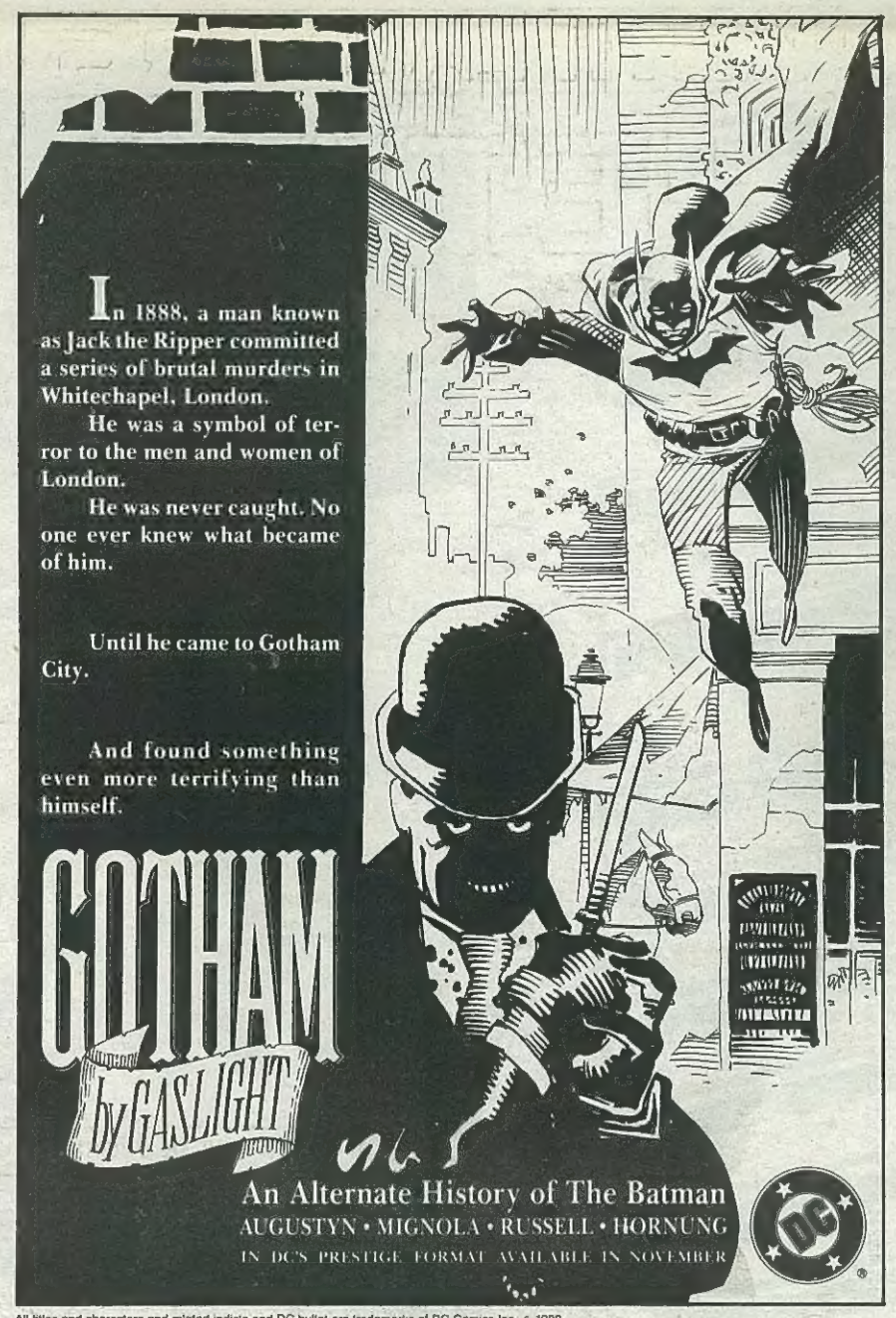
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